

Hosea 5

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Judgment on Israel and Judah

1 Hear ye this, O priests; and hearken, ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for judgment is toward you, because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor.

2 And the revolters are profound to make slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all.

3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me: for now, O Ephraim, thou committest whoredom, and Israel is defiled.

4 They will not frame their doings to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD.

5 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them.

6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find him; he hath withdrawn himself from them.

7 They have dealt treacherously against the LORD: for they have begotten strange children: now shall a month devour them with their portions.

8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah: cry aloud at Beth-aven, after thee, O Benjamin.

9 Ephraim shall be desolate in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be.

10 The princes of Judah were like them that remove the bound: therefore I will pour out my wrath upon them like water.

11 Ephraim is oppressed and broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment.

12 Therefore will I be unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness.

13 When Ephraim saw his sickness, and Judah saw his wound, then went Ephraim to the Assyrian, and sent to king Jareb: yet could he not heal you, nor cure you of your wound.

14 For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue him.

15 I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

Iniquity — עֲוֹן (Avon)

Iniquity, guilt, punishment

The Hebrew **avon** (עֲוֹן) encompasses iniquity, guilt, and its punishment—the twisted nature of sin. 'The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all' (Isaiah 53:6), Christ bearing our guilt and penalty.

Judgment — מִשְׁפָט (Mishpat)

Judgment, justice

The Hebrew **mishpat** (מִשְׁפָט) means judgment or justice—God's righteous decisions and ordinances. God is the Judge of all the earth who 'shall do right' (Genesis 18:25), executing perfect justice.

Lord — יְהֹוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהֹוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

Priest — קֹהֵן (Kohen)

Priest

The Hebrew **kohen** (קֹהֵן) denotes a priest—one who mediates between God and people through sacrifices and intercession. Aaron and his descendants served as Israel's priests, foreshadowing Christ the Great High Priest.

Spirit — רֹוח (Ruach)

Spirit, wind, breath

The Hebrew **ruach** (רוֹחַ) means spirit, wind, or breath—invisible but powerful. It describes both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit. God's Spirit gives life and empowers His people.

CROSS REFERENCES

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Parallel theme: Hosea 6:9; 9:8; Micah 7:2; Malachi 2:1. **References Israel:** Hosea 4:1; Judges 4:6; Amos 7:9. **Judgment:** Micah 3:9. **Kingdom:** Hosea 10:15

Hosea 5:2 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 6:9; 9:15; Isaiah 29:15

Hosea 5:3 **Parallel theme:** Amos 3:2

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Hosea 5:5 **References Israel:** Hosea 7:10; Amos 5:2

Hosea 5:6 **Parallel theme:** Proverbs 1:28; Lamentations 3:44; Ezekiel 8:6; John 7:34.

References Lord: Proverbs 15:8; Jeremiah 7:4

Hosea 5:7 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 6:7; Isaiah 48:8. **References Lord:** Jeremiah 3:20

Hosea 5:8 **Parallel theme: Hosea 4:15; 8:1; 9:9; Judges 5:14; 1 Samuel 15:34; Isaiah 10:29; Jeremiah 4:5; Joel 2:1**

Hosea 5:9 **Parallel theme:** Isaiah 46:10; Zechariah 1:6

Hosea 5:10 **Parallel theme:** Deuteronomy 19:14; 27:17; Psalms 32:6

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Hosea 5:12 **Parallel theme:** Job 13:28; Isaiah 51:8

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Hosea 5:14 **Parallel theme:** Psalms 7:2; 50:22; Isaiah 5:29; Amos 2:14; Micah 5:8

Hosea 5:15 **Parallel theme:** Hosea 3:5; Psalms 50:15; 78:34; Isaiah 26:9; 26:16; Jeremiah 2:27; 3:13; Ezekiel 6:9; 36:31; Luke 13:25

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